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This is in response to the Examiner's non-final action dated October 22, 2002 in the above case.

Please amend the application by rewriting claims 1, 10, 11 and 12 as follows:

1. (twice amended) A flooring panel which provides underfloor drainage, the flooring panel comprising

an upper member of rigid sheet flooring material;

a substantially rigid lower member, attached to the upper member and of a continuous, moisture impervious sheet material having a plurality of projections in the form of knobs extending away from the upper member to support the upper member above an underlying surface, protect the upper member from moisture and to permit free drainage of moisture about the projections and between the flooring panel and the underlying surface; and

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